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1. On 10 August 1953, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Bernau was occupied not to capacity by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. Between 2 and 10 August, 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 6 x 76-mm field guns, about 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and T-34/85 tank were seen in front of the vehicle sheds on Schoenower Strasse on one day of observation. On 6 August, truck shuttled troops to the Schoenow training area for firing practices. On 7 August, about 50 to 60 troops received instruction on about 12 x 120-mm mortars in the barracks yard.
2. On 10 August, the restricted area on Marx Strasse quartered the komendatura and numerous officer families. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia.
3. On 11 August, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was again occupied to capacity. The tanks employed in Berlin-Biesdorf had also returned. T-43 tank and armored scout car were seen in the barracks area. Medium and heavy tanks engaged in exercises at the Schoenow training area.
4. On 11 August, former Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by a guard detail of about 200 troops. About 35 trucks were seen in the quartering area.
5. On 3 August, a column of 7 trucks, occupied by a total of about 90 men and towing 4 field howitzers was seen en route toward Biesenthal, coming from Bernau.
1. Comment. The information confirms the occupation of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne by units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. paragraph 1 that the barracks installation was occupied not to capacity, is believed to be correct, as elements of the division are still carried in Templin and Berlin, although units of the division had left Biesdorf-Kaulsdorf between 7 and 9 August, presumably also for Bernau. The information tends to indicate that elements of the 35th Gds Mecz Regt and the 676th How Arty Regt of the division were stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. However, the mortars should have included 82-mm mortars. The

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